

### **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1, 2, and 22-77 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 3-18 are pending in this application.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 3-18 stand allowed.

#### **35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,944,821 to Angelo (hereinafter "Angelo") in view of Arbaugh and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,974,546 to Anderson (hereinafter "Anderson"). Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,735,696 to Hannah (hereinafter "Hannah") and further in view of "Cryptography and Network Security" by Stallings (hereinafter "Stallings"). Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hannah and Stallings and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,026,166 to LeBourgeois (hereinafter "LeBourgeois"). Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Angelo, Arbaugh, and Anderson, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,230,285 to Sadowsky et al. (hereinafter "Sadowsky").

Claims 1-2 and 19-21 have been canceled without prejudice. These cancellations have been made to expedite issuance of the allowable claims in the present application. These cancellations are not intended to be, and are not to be

interpreted as, an admission that Applicant agrees with the rejections of claims 1-2 and 19-21.

Applicant respectfully requests that the §103 rejections be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

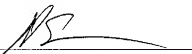
Claims 3-18 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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